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There is so much to celebrate as we begin our 2nd year of operation together. A new home, new staff, new students – the halls are filled with learning, laughter and lots of love! The energy and enthusiasm are palpable as we continue to grow the school, and I could not be more proud of the team that has come together to deliver the high caliber academic program for our girls.

However, in the midst of these positive changes, it is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you of my need to leave Serviam Girls Academy at the end of 2009. As a result of a job transfer, my husband has been relocated to Richmond, Virginia and we will begin to transition our family in January, 2010.

As with all change, I am filled with mixed emotion. However, I know that the spirit of St. Angela Merici and the Ursuline sisters who have dedicated their lives to education, will continue to guide and bless our mission. I am filled with hope and faith that as we work to provide an education for leadership and service in our society, our girls will not only follow in that great tradition, but will also forge new paths.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have been part of the Serviam Girls Academy leadership team, and a special gift to have been a part of the lives of our beautiful students. I would also like to express my gratitude to the extended members of the community of Serviam Girls Academy – my colleagues, board members, parents, and benefactors. The opportunity to share in the founding of the school has been a transformative gift for me. While possibly the most challenging endeavor I have ever undertaken, these past two years have unquestionably been the most rewarding grace-filled experience as well. I leave confident that we have built a strong foundation for the coming years. and I look forward to returning for the graduation of our first class in 2011!

During our first faculty and staff orientation in the fall of 2008, I used an excerpt from a prayer of Archbishop Oscar Romero which referenced the work that we do here as similar to building foundations for the future. I would like to leave you with the final paragraph of that same prayer, which succinctly sums up how blessed I feel to have been a worker with the founding team of SGA:

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

Peace,

Anne Weber
President
Serviam Girls Academy